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AF/S FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER

PRETORIA FOR TARTTER AND MCDONALD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SF OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. I AM NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE LISTS OF NAMES WE SENT YOU FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH A CROSS SECTION OF SA LEADERS (CAPE TOWN 0781). THE OCCUPATIONAL AND ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION ARE NOT TOO BAD, BUT I THINK WE NEED A LITTLE MORE WEIGHT TOWARD THE MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE SIDE. SEPTTEL TODAY, MAY 14, PROVIDES A FEW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. REGARDING YOUR RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA, STATE 109427 REFERS TO AN "EARLIER MESSAGE" AND STATES THE BALANCE OF YOUR TRAVEL "REMAINS THE SAME FROM VIENNA ONWARD." I AM UNABLE TO LOCATE OR IDENTIFY THAT EARLIER MESSAGE, BUT, UNTIL ADVISED OTHERWISE, WE WILL ASSUME YOU WILL ARRIVE AT JAN SMUTS SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT 1145 ON BA 011 AS MENTIONED IN OUR TELECON YESTERDAY, MAY 13.

3. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I WILL PLAN TO GO TO
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JOHANNESBURG FRIDAY, MAY 20, TO CONFIRM THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT, MEET YOU ON ARRIVAL MAY 21, AND BE ON HAND TO MEET AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN THE EVENT YOUR RETURN IS DELAYED FOR SOME REASON.

4. DESPITE THE APPARENT UNDERSTANDING OF OPPETHEIMER'S PEOPLE THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL COME TO JOHANNESBURG WITH ONLY UP

TO FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY IN ANGLO-AMERICAN'S EXECUTIVE JET AND STAY AT THE OPPENHEIMER RESIDENCE, WE PRESUME IT IS STILL INTENDED THAT THE ENTIRE YOUNG PARTY WILL MAKE THE TRIP. WE HAVE THEREFORE GONE AHEAD WITH RESERVATIONS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY INCLUDING PRESS AT THE CARLTON. MONDAY, MAY 16, WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE REQUEST TO THE SAG FOR BLANKET VISA WAIVERS FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY INCLUDING PRESS IN ACCORD WITH STATE 104870 AS AMENDED BY VARIOUS OTHER MESSAGES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, SITTING ON A REQUEST FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR YOUNG'S AIRCRAFT PENDING DEFINITE CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES. AT THE MOMENT, DAO HAS A REQUEST (RECEIVED THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS) FROM THE YOUNG PARTY FOR CLEARANCE OF ARRIVAL ON MAY 21 AND DEPARTURE ON MAY 23.NELSON

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